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What is claimed is:

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1. A method for providing a user with an album including a plurality of pages,
the method comprising the steps of:

(a) allowing a user to purchase at least a portion of the album, the portion of the
album including a portion of the plurality of pages;

(b) allowing the user to set a plurality of defaults for the plurality of pages, at
least one default of the plurality of plurality of defaults capable of being altered using
information provided by the user;

(c) receiving from the user the information, if any, and a plurality of images
captured using a digital imaging device;

(d) altering the at least one default if the user has provided the information;

(e) providing the portion of the plurality of pages using the plurality of defaults;

and

(f) allowing the user access to the at least the portion of the album.

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2. The method of claim 1 wherein the purchasing step (a) can occur prior to
receiving the plurality of images from the user.

3. The method of claim 3 wherein the purchasing step (a) can occur prior to the
plurality of images being captured.

1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving step (a) further includes the step
2 of:

3 (c1) receiving from the user the information, if any, and the plurality of images
4 directly from the digital imaging device.

1 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the album is a printed photo album and
2 wherein the access allowing step (f) further includes the step of:

3 (f1) providing the portion of the plurality of pages to the user.

1 *Sub 2* 6. The method of claim 5 wherein the a portion of the plurality of images
2 include sound and wherein the step of providing the portion of the plurality of pages further
3 includes the steps of:

4 (e1) printing the portion of the plurality of pages; and

5 (e2) providing a mechanism for a user to hear the sound for the portion of the
6 plurality of images.

1 7. The method of claim 6 wherein the mechanism includes a printed stripe
2 playable by a scanning device and wherein the providing step (e1) further includes the step
3 of:

4 (e1i) providing the scanning device to the user.

1 *Sub 1* 8. The method of claim 6 wherein the mechanism providing step (e2) further
2 includes the step of:

organization based on the category of each image of the portion of the plurality of image.

14. The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one default includes selecting image analysis for the plurality of images.

15. The method of claim 1 wherein the purchase step (a) further includes the step of:

(a1) allowing the user to purchase the at least the plurality of pages from a remote location.

16. The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one default selecting step (a) further includes the step of:

(a1) allowing the user to select the at least one default from a remote location.

17. The method of claim 1 wherein a portion of the plurality of images include sound and wherein the step of providing the portion of the plurality of pages (e) further includes the steps of:

(e1) archiving the portion of the plurality of pages; and

(e2) providing a mechanism for a user to hear the sound for the portion of the plurality of images.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of images includes a caption and wherein the archiving step (e1) further includes the step of:

3 (e1i) providing the caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images.

1 19. The method of claim 18 wherein the caption for each of the portion of the
2 plurality of images is a user-recorded caption and wherein caption providing step (e1i)
3 further includes the step of:

4 (e1ia) reading the user-recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of
5 images;

6 (e1ib) converting the user-recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of
7 images to a text caption; and

8 (e1ic) printing the text caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images.

1 *SUB A3* 20 A system for providing a user with an album including a plurality of pages,
2 the system comprising:

3 at least one storage subsystem for storing an identity of a user who has purchased at
4 least a portion of the album and a plurality of defaults for the plurality of pages, a portion of
5 the plurality of defaults capable of being set by the user, at least one default of the plurality
6 of plurality of defaults capable of being altered using information provided by the user; and

7 a server for receiving a plurality of images captured by a digital camera and provided
8 by the user, the server also for receiving information provided by the user, if any, altering
9 the at least one default if the user has provided the information, the server for providing the
10 portion of the plurality of pages using the plurality of defaults.

1 *Sub 617* 21. The system of claim 20 wherein the user can purchase the portion of the

plurality of pages prior to the server receiving the plurality of images.

22. The system of claim 20 wherein the user can purchase the portion of the plurality of pages prior to the plurality of images being captured.

23. The system of claim 20 wherein the server receives from the user the information, if any, and the plurality of images directly from the digital imaging device.

24. The system of claim 20 wherein the album is a printed album and wherein the system further includes:

a printing means for printing the portion of the plurality of pages.

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25. The system of claim 24 wherein the a portion of the plurality of images include sound and the system further provides a mechanism for a user to hear the sound for the portion of the plurality of images.

26. The system of claim 25 wherein the printing means further prints a stripe playable by a scanning device and wherein the scanning device is provided to the user.

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27. The system of claim 24 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of images includes a caption and wherein the printing means further provide the caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images.

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38. The system of claim 27 wherein the caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images is a user-recorded caption and wherein server further reads the user-recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images and converts the user-recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images to a text caption.

29. The system of claim 20 wherein the at least one default includes a page layout.

30. The system of claim 20 wherein the at least one default includes a page style.

31. The system of claim 20 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of images includes a category, and wherein the at least one default includes an album organization based on the category of each image of the portion of the plurality of image and wherein the server further categorizes the portion of the plurality of images.

32. The system of claim 20 wherein the server is further capable of providing image analysis.

33. The system of claim 32 wherein the at least one default includes selecting image analysis for the plurality of images.

34. The system of claim 20 wherein the album is a web album and the system further includes:

3 a database for archiving the plurality of images in the portion of the plurality of
4 pages.

1 35. The system of claim 34 wherein a portion of the plurality of images include
2 sound and wherein the server further provides a mechanism for a user to hear the sound for
3 the portion of the plurality of images.

1 36. The system of claim 35 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of
2 images includes a caption and wherein the database further archives the caption for each of
3 the portion of the plurality of images.

1 37. The system of claim 36 wherein the caption for each of the portion of the
2 plurality of images is a user-recorded caption and the server further reads the user-recorded
3 caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images and converts the user-recorded
4 caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images to a text caption.

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